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SUMMARY. PRESS COVERAGE DOMINATED BY SADAT'S ACTIVITIES
IN VIENNA AND SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST LEADERS. MUBARAK TO
VISIT PARIS SOON, SADAT TO OAU SUMMIT, AND GOLDMANN TO
EGYPT IN SEPTEMBER. BEGIN AND DAYAN ATTACKED BY SADAT
AND OCTOBER EDITOR ANIS MANSOUR, WHO ALSO REVEALS SADAT
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REFUSED CARTER REQUEST TO RECEIVE DAYAN. PERES' STATE-
MENTS ON PALESTINIANS WELCOMED AND MANSOUR SUGGESTS SADAT
FINDS PERES "WISE POLITICIAN." MENA REPORTS FROM AMMAN
THAT SECRETARY OR ATHERTON WILL VISIT AREA AFTER LONDON
AND OFFER NEW AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS. PALESTINIANS URGED
TO SEEK THEIR GOALS THROUGH EGYPT, NOT "REJECTIONISTS."
SADAT REMARKS AND PRESS COVERAGE SEEM TO CONFIRM GOE HA

WRITTEN OFF BEGIN. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT IN VIENNA. SADAT'S VIENNA ACTIVITIES PROMINENTLY COVERED JULY 10. HEADLINES SAY FAILURE OF LONDON COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND STORIES HIGHLIGHT SADAT STATEMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH HE AGAINST IMPOSED SOLUTION, U.S. MUST NARROW THE GAPS AND THERE NO POINT IN MEETING WITH BEGIN UNLESS THERE "NEW ELEMENTS." AHRAM EDITORIAL SAYS VIENNA TALKS ARE "NATURAL EXTENSION" OF EGYPT'S PLAN TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND TO ENLIST OPPOSITION TO "ISRAEL'S LOGIC OF REJECTION." PRESS HIGHLIGHTS IMMINENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF KREISKY-BRANDT FORMULA WHICH TO BECOME SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S POSITION IF APPROVED NEXT SEPTEMBER. ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT VP MUBARAK WILL VISIT PARIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SADAT RETURN JULY 14 AND DR. NAHUM HOLDMANN WILL VISIT EGYPT IN SEPTEMBER ALSO CARRIED. MANSOUR REVEALS SADAT WILL SPEND TWO DAYS AT OAU SUMMIT.

2. ATTACKS ON BEGIN AND DAYAN. BEGIN STRONGLY CRITICIZED BY OCTOBER EDITOR ANIS MANSOUR. MANSOUR, PRESUMABLY ECHOING SADAT, FINDS BEGIN "HARDLINE"; NOT WANTING PEACE, AND REFUSING TO FIND ANY MEANS OF REACHING UNDERSTANDING WITH EGYPT. MANSOUR ALSO CLAIMS SADAT TOLD WEIZMAN THAT HE (SADAT) WILL NOT AGAIN MEET WITH BEGIN BECAUSE "THE GAP BETWEEN US IS WIDE" AND "BEGIN'S STAND HAS GIVEN DIVIDED REJECTIONISTS ALL THE CARDS THEY NEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PLAY AGAINST EGYPT." DAYAN ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZED. MANSOUR SAYS PRESIDENT CARTER SENT HAND-WRITTEN MESSAGE TO SADAT IN HOPES THAT HE MIGHT AGREE TO DAYAN VISIT TO EGYPT. SADAT RESPONDED WITH MESSAGE APOLOGIZING FOR NOT WISHING TO MEET DAYAN BECAUSE "HE IS BEGIN'S MAN, WEIZMAN'S OPPONENT" AND A GRANDSTANDER. "HIS FLEXIBILITY IS ONLY A SCREEN."

3. SADAT MEETS PERES. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS PERES' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THERE IS PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND PALESTINIANS MUST HAVE SAY IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE. PRESS REPORTS THAT A JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT "MENTIONED" THAT PERES HOPED TO REACH "UNOFFICIAL AGREEMENT" ON A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, ON BASIS OF ASWAN FORMULA. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE "TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE" ON POLITICAL SCENE IN ISRAEL. WRITING ON PERES, MANSOUR SUGGESTS SADAT FINDS PERES TO BE A "WISE POLITICIAN" WHO "CAN BE TRUSTED."

4. U.S. ROLE. AKHBAR CARRIES MENA REPORT THAT "INFORMED AMERICAN SOURCES" IN AMMAN SAY AMBASSADOR AHERTON WILL MAKE NEW TOUR OF AREA FOLLOWING LONDON. SOURCES

SAID SECRETARY VANCE MAY LEAD MISSION AND LATER LATHERTON
MIGHT REMAIN IN AREA AND OFFER NEW AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS.
"AMERICAN SOURCES" REPORTEDLY VOICED OPTIMISM ABOUT
RECONCILIATION IN LIGHT OF EGYPT PEACE PLAN WHICH
DESCRIBED AS "REALISTIC." AHRAM EDITORIAL STATES LONDON
DOES NOT MEAN RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT
AND ISRAEL "AS PERES HAS UNDERSTOOD," RATHER IT IS RE-
SPONSE TO AMERICAN EFFORT. MANSOUR WROTE THAT LONDON
DISCUSSION "WILL SUFFER SAME FATE AS JERUSALEM CONFERENCE,
EXCEPT THAT BOTH PARTIES WILL NOT WITHDRAW. THEY WILL
DIFFER AND FIND ANOTHER MEANS FOR ANOTHER MEETING."
LONDON WILL PROVE THAT EGYPT FLEXIBLE AND DOING HER
BEST FOR PEACE.

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5. EGYPT'S PEACE PLAN. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL NOTES

THAT EGYPTIAN PEACE PLAN DEALS WITH THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. EMPHASIZING EGYPT HAS EXERTED EFFORTS TO SOLVE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, EDITORIAL THEN CRITICIZES SYRIANS WHO HAVE OFFERED PALESTINIANS ONLY WORDS WHILE THEY HAVE KILLED AND SHELLLED PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON. EDITORIAL CALLS ON "EVERY WISE PALESTINIAN" TO WASH HIS HANDS OF "REJECTIONISTS," WHO UNABLE RESTORE THEIR RIGHTS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT EGYPT WHICH PRESUMABLY CAN.

6. COMMENT. RICH COVERAGE OF VIENNA TALKS PORTRAY AN EGYPT WHICH HAS UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITIVE STAND. HIGHLY PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH PERES, CRITICISM OF BEGIN AND DAYAN, PRAISE OF PERES, AND PROJECTED GOLDMANN VISIT, ALL DESIGNED TO FURTHER ISOLATE BEGIN ON EVE OF LONDON MEETING. LONDON SEEN AS CLIMAX OF DRIVE TO PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT BEGIN TO BLAME FOR FALTERING PEACE PROCESS WHICH ONLY U.S. CAN RESCUE. EILTS

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